

APPENDIX 15

[Map 14 - ROS Zones](#)

Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Descriptions

Primitive (P) – Area is characterized by essentially unmodified natural environment of fairly large size. Interaction among users is very low and evidence of other users is minimal. The area is managed to be essentially free from evidence of human-induced restrictions and controls. Motorized use within the area is not permitted.

Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized (SPNM) – Area is characterized by a predominately natural or natural-appearing environment of moderate to large size. Interaction among users is low, but there often is evidence of other users. The area is managed in such a way that minimum on-site controls and restrictions may be present but is subtle. Motorized use is not permitted.

Semi-Primitive Motorized (SPM) – Area is characterized by a predominately natural or natural-appearing environment of moderate to large size. Concentration of users is low, but there is often evidence of other users. The area is managed in such a way that minimum on-site controls and restrictions may be present but is subtle. Motorized use is permitted.

Roaded Natural (RN) – Area is characterized by predominately natural-appearing environment with moderate evidence of the sights and sounds of humans. Such evidence usually harmonizes with the natural environment. Interaction among users may be low to moderate but with evidence of other users prevalent. Resource modification and utilization practices are evident but harmonize with the natural environment. Conventional motorized use is provided for in construction standards and design of facilities.

Rural (R) – Area is characterized by substantially modified natural environment. Resource modification and utilization practices are primarily to enhance specific recreation activities and to maintain vegetative cover and soil. Sights and sounds of humans are readily evident, and the interaction among users is often moderate to high. Many of the facilities are designed for use by a large number of people. Facilities often are provided for special activities. Moderate densities are provided far away from developed sites. Facilities for intensified motorized use and parking are available.

Urban (U) – Area is characterized by a substantially urbanized environment, although the background may have natural-appearing elements. Renewable resource modification and utilization practices are to enhance specific recreation activities. Vegetative cover is often exotic and manicured. Sights and sounds of humans, on site, are predominant. Large numbers of users can be expected, both on site and in nearby areas. Facilities for

highly intensified motor use and parking are available with forms of mass transit often available to carry people throughout the site.